**Toledo Adolescent Girl Program**

A program designed to create opportunities for adolescent girls. By strengthening capacities at the level of gatekeepers and stakeholders in the District of Toledo, we will work with local partners to expand girl-centered programming in regions of the country.

**Adjacency Zone: Toledo and Guatemala Border Area**

The long-standing territorial dispute between Belize and Guatemala has created a "forgotten region" that covers approximately 1 Km along each side of the border. This region is experiencing increasing conflict and violence in the border area, particularly related to land use and natural resource extraction, and with the adolescents already exposed to negative outcomes such as:

- Increased literacy levels
- Increased access to social nets for participants
- Increased access to economic opportunities,
- Access to education
- Increased participation and safety among participants
- Increased access to social services and support
- Increased access to health services and support

**Expected Outcomes at the Level of the Adolescent Girl**

- Increased levels of girls' education
- Increased levels of girls' health
- Increased levels of girls' participation in decision-making
- Increased levels of girls' knowledge and skills
- Increased levels of girls' support and protection

**Adolescent Outcomes**

- Net savings and increased economic opportunities
- Improved health outcomes
- Improved educational outcomes
- Improved social outcomes

**Objectives**

- To organize girl groups.
- To conduct recruitment strategies.
- To develop a safe spaces program for adolescent girls.
- To reach a significant number of adolescent girls ages 10 to 19 in rural and isolated areas of Toledo with a safe spaces program and tailor girl programming throughout the District.
- To work with local partners to expand girl-centered programming in regions of the country.
- To plan for scale at the country level.

**Policy/Institutional Level**

- To advocate with government and non-government entities the need to allocate resources to reach an important proportion of girls and adolescents.
- To plan for scale at the national level.
- To co-design and co-implement a girl-centered pilot program that creates access to mentoring and safe spaces for marginalized adolescent girls ages 10 to 19.

**With support from the Summit Foundation, we will work with local partners to expand girl-centered programming in regions of the country.**

**Source of data:** Population Council (2013) The status of Adolescent girls. A young female participant says, "I have learned a lot and I have been able to grow personally as well as academically."